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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1 and 2 as shown below:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An optical connector socket having a body with a socket-side optical device installed therein and an insertion section to which a connected optical connector plug is inserted. A cover covers the body and has an opening section communicating with the insertion section. A shutter is arranged between the body and said cover, for opening and closing the opening section of the cover. The shutter opens inwardly into the body, and an elastic member always elastically ~~urged~~ urges the shutter in a closing direction. The opening section is set to have an outside dimension greater than the outside dimension of the optical connector plug inserted ~~to~~ into the cover and smaller than the outside dimension of the shutter.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): An optical connector socket comprising a body having a socket-side optical device installed therein and an insertion section to which a connected optical connector plug is inserted, a cover that is covered on the body and has an opening section communicating with the insertion section, a shutter operably and closably attached to the cover for closing the opening section and an elastic member that always elastically ~~urged~~ urges the shutter in a closing direction, wherein the opening section is set to have an outside dimension greater than the outside dimension of the optical connector plug inserted ~~to~~ into the cover and smaller than the outside dimension of the shutter; and

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wherein a guide projection is provided at the inside of the insertion section of the body for guiding the inserted optical connector plug toward the socket-side optical device, wherein the guide projection becomes narrower toward the backside of the insertion section.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The optical connector socket claimed in Claim 2, wherein there is provided at the backside from the guide projection a locking recess section that engages with a locking convex section provided on an outer surface of the optical connector plug.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The optical connector socket claimed in Claim 2 or 3, wherein the socket-side optical device is composed of a light-emitting device and a light-receiving device.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The optical connector socket claimed in Claim 1, wherein the socket-side optical device is composed of a light-emitting device and a light-receiving device.